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► A bolt of lightning lights up the evening sky over the Northwest Arm last night.

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HRM settles with MacKay

► Municipality recoups about 10% of money owed for concert cash advances ► HRM still considering whether to pay Trade Centre Ltd. remaining balance of \$321,550: Butts

The Halifax Regional Municipality has reached a \$38,000 settlement with former promoter Harold MacKay.

The settlement represents about 10.5 per cent of the \$400,000 advanced to the promoter for last year's Black Eyed Peas and Alan Jackson concerts. Less-than-optimal ticket sales for those concerts resulted in \$359,550 of that advance not being repaid, and led to the biggest scandal to rock city hall in years.

But don't expect lower property taxes as a result — the money recouped will go directly to provincial Crown corporation Trade Centre Ltd., which presented the municipality with the bill for the advances.

"Council gave direction to staff to go back and try to recapture whatever costs (they) can," said Mayor Peter Kelly last night.

"This was the settlement that was proposed, and council has accepted that settlement."

Kelly said the settlement con-

Creditors

► "The issue was on behalf of our taxpayers. We did recoup the \$38,000. Any other outstanding issues are between any other individuals and Mr. MacKay." Mayor Peter Kelly on Power Promotional Events' other creditors

cludes the matter between MacKay and the municipality.

Municipal auditor general Larry Munroe released a scathing report into the concerts on the Commons in June. Both Trade Centre and the municipality were criticized for entering into the cash-advance contracts with MacKay.

In July, it was revealed city hall was considering withholding municipal services for the Metallica concert on the Garrison Grounds — put on by MacKay's wife. One day later, MacKay and HRM CAO Richard Butts revealed a settlement had been reached, but offered no further detail. ● ALEX BOUTILIER

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Woman assaulted in vehicle

Police are looking for four male suspects after an 18-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in Cole Harbour on Sunday.

The woman was walking on Hirandale Drive near Auburn High School at 3 p.m. when four males between the ages of 19 and 20 called her over.

"She walked over but as she got closer she realized she did not know

them and as she walked away they grabbed her and put her into a car that was parked nearby," said Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae.

MacRae said the victim was sexually assaulted inside of the vehicle. She was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. He said the woman was then let out of the car and police were

later contacted. A blue vehicle, believed to be used in the incident, has since been seized by police.

MacRae said there are no leads at this point in the investigation, and it's not known whether or not the incident is isolated.

"We're not coming out and saying this is random.... All I can say is we're looking to find out

"Something of this nature is of concern to police, and our investigators will work closely with the community."

HALIFAX RCMP SPOKESMAN CPL. SCOTT MACRAE

who is responsible." ALY THOMSON

Council defers decision on stadium report

Halifax Regional Council deferred a decision on whether or not to proceed with the next phase of a stadium feasibility report yesterday afternoon.

The report — delivered by the stadium steering committee — recommended spending an additional \$275,000 on a Phase 2 report into the stadium's feasibility and possible location. A staff report also recommended proceeding with the next phase of study.

Council was evenly split between moving forward with the study and cutting losses after the first report. An informal discussion over the supper hour led to the issue being put over to next Tuesday.

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Province gets fuel refill after outage

Imperial Oil Ltd. said yesterday that fuel has started to arrive in the province to replace volumes lost due to a longer-than-expected outage at its Dartmouth refinery, Reuters reports.

Imperial, the Canadian affiliate of Exxon Mobil Corp., has sourced the fuel from both domestic and international suppliers, spokesman Jon Hardin told Reuters.

"Domestic and international cargoes have begun arriving at Dartmouth. They'll bridge our supply position until our refinery restarts after the maintenance," he said, adding it will take several weeks.

The shortage caused some service stations to run dry over the weekend. ALY THOMSON

Man pulls knife on his landlord, police say

► Seven police vehicles were dispatched ► K-9 Unit searched the area



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Police arrested a man who allegedly pulled a knife on his landlord at a Dartmouth residence yesterday morning.

"There was an argument between a landlord and a tenant, and that escalated to one of the men producing a weapon," said Const. Brian Palmeter, Halifax Regional Police spokesperson.

Police arrived at 37 Brule St. shortly after a 911 call came in at 11:23 a.m.

The cause of the dispute is still being determined, said Palmeter, and the tenant was known to police.

"While it was a dispute between a landlord and a tenant, we also believe that this call involves some mental-health issues as well," he said.

No one was injured and the 27-year-old tenant was arrested without incident.

The man was charged with three counts of utter-



► A police K-9 team looks for evidence following a dispute between a landlord and a tenant in Dartmouth yesterday.

ing threats, three counts of intimidation, possession of a weapon for a dangerous

purpose and carrying a concealed weapon.

An ambulance was also

called for a woman having problems breathing at the time.

Savage joins marketing group

Former Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP and perpetually rumoured mayoral candidate Mike Savage has a new job.

The former Liberal politician has joined m5, a marketing and communications company with of-

fices in Halifax, Moncton and St. John's.

Savage assumed the role of senior vice-president responsible for corporate affairs as of yesterday.

"m5 is a highly successful, well-led company with a bright future. I am excit-

ed to join the team and look forward to being part of their continued growth," said Savage, in a release.

Savage is no stranger to corporate affairs, having as a director of sales and marketing for Nova Scotia

Power Inc., as well as general manager of a home heating outfit. Gary Wadden, the CEO of m5, said Savage's experience and community connections will be a great asset to his company.

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X Games street-skate champ up to old tricks

► Skateboard enthusiasts treated to more than an hour of skateboard demonstrations despite threat of rain during show on Halifax Common



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► X Games champ Nyjah Huston, 16, gives a demo at the Halifax Common skate park as part of the Element Crossing Canada Tour yesterday.

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Pro skateboarders hit the pavement at the Halifax Common yesterday.

A couple hundred spectators turned out for the show, the first date in the Element Crossing Canada Tour, despite the weather warning for last night's thunder and lightning storm.

The group includes 16-year-old professional skateboarder Nyjah Huston of Davis, Calif. He recently won gold in the men's skate street category at the

X Games in Los Angeles, the youngest athlete ever to do so.

"That was great, one of the best feelings of my whole life, that's for sure. For the past two years, I've gotten silver, and so to get the gold this year is the best feeling ever," said Huston before yesterday's demo.

He signed with Element at age 11 and competes so frequently he's homeschooled. He's won enough money competing that he bought a sports car and is considering houses in southern California.

As Huston and the oth-

"I've been skating contests for so long I'm pretty used to it now. I honestly feel pretty grown up myself. I don't feel like a 16-year-old kid." NYJAH HUSTON

ers did tricks down the stairs at the park, Jordell Arthur, 15, watched, impressed with Huston's 270 nose blunt to eight rail.

"It's just a hard trick to do," he said, having

watched Huston in the X Games on television. Arthur's been practising for three years and looks to the professionals for tips. "They show you what you can do with skateboarding. They're role models."

For Huston, he's doing what he loves, and said he's glad he inspires other skateboarders.

"It's a really good feeling just because I'm a young kid myself and I'm sure I'm someone they can relate to a little bit more than some of the older guys, so I feel really special in that position."

Italy had Galileo, SMU has Gallo

A Saint Mary's University astrophysics professor could be one of the first astronomers in history to study and uncover new information about black holes and other cosmic events.

Luigi Gallo has been appointed principal investigator of the Canadian contribution to the Astro-H space mission, according to a draft press release found on SMU's web site. The announcement will officially be made tomorrow.

Led by the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency, the international project will design and launch a unique satellite observatory capable of detecting and measuring X-rays produced by astronomical objects in the universe.

2014 The year the satellite is expected to be launched.

Gallo plans on using his viewing time to continue his research on the environment immediately surrounding black holes, the release said.

Gallo's research team will work with the Neptec Design Group in Ottawa and the Canadian Space Agency to design and build the satellite's alignment system, known as the Canadian Astro-H Metrology System (CAMS).

The Canadian contribution to design, build and deliver two CAMS units will be about \$5 million.

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Suspected bank robber found dead

A man whom Halifax police believe was behind a bank robbery in the city last week has been found dead in Moncton, N.B.

Police say they were able to identify a suspect with help from the public after posting pictures of a man who held up the CIBC branch on Barrington Street last Friday.

Investigators say they received information from the RCMP in Moncton on Sunday that they'd found the suspect dead.

They say the death is not believed to be suspicious.

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Say yes, let's steal the dress

A 19-year-old woman is facing charges after attempting to steal a wedding dress from Winchester's Bridal and Formal Gowns early yesterday morning.

Shortly before 5 a.m., police responded to a report of a break-and-enter at 1479 Dresden Row.

Caitlin Patricia Marie Hill of Halifax allegedly smashed a window, took a wedding dress that was on display and took off down Spring Garden Road.

She was arrested a few blocks away, and the stolen dress was located nearby.

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U.S. tables fertilizer control

More than 15 years after a fertilizer bomb was used to blow up a U.S. government building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people, the federal government is proposing to regulate the sale and transfer of the chemical ammonium nitrate.

The proposal comes

nearly four years after Congress gave the Homeland Security Department the authority to develop a program to regulate the compound.

Ammonium nitrate is one of the most common farm fertilizers in the world, and instructions for turning it into a bomb are available on the Internet.

Yesterday, the Homeland Security Department's proposal was posted on the Federal Register website.

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Italy to ban face veils

An Italian parliamentary commission approved a draft law banning women from wearing veils that cover their faces in public yesterday.

The draft would prohibit women from wearing a burka, niqab or any other garb that covers the face in such circumstances.

Third parties who force women to cover their faces in public would be fined to about the equivalent of \$41,000 and face up to 12 months in jail, the news agency ANSA said.

The draft will be forwarded to parliament after the summer.

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► New Democrat Party interim leader Nycole Turmel

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Turmel not a separatist: NDP

The new interim leader of the New Democratic Party was a card-carrying member of the Bloc Québécois.

Nycole Turmel was a

Bloc Québécois member for more than four years and discarded her membership just weeks before running under the New Democrat

banner in the spring federal election. However, Turmel has never supported the separatist cause.

"Madame Turmel is a

federalist, she never shared the views of the Bloc on the future of Canada," said NDP spokesman Karl Belanger.

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Man declared dangerous offender for spreading HIV

HANDOUT

► Ugandan immigrant was convicted in 2009 of first-degree murder and aggravated sexual assault



► Johnson Aziga, believed to be the first person in Canada convicted of murder through HIV transmission, was declared a dangerous offender yesterday.

A man convicted of murder through HIV transmission could spend the rest of his life in jail after an Ontario court ruled yesterday that he can't be trusted to disclose his condition to future sexual partners.

Justice Thomas Lofchik granted the Crown's request to have Johnson Aziga declared a dangerous offender, which means he will not be released on parole until the parole board decides he is no longer a threat.

His convictions are related to 11 women with whom he had unprotected sex without telling them he had HIV. Seven of the women became infected, with two dying of AIDS-related cancers.

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Activists fight for right to die

► B.C.-based Farewell Foundation to challenge Criminal Code on issue of assisted suicide



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Literally an issue of life and death, the debate over assisted suicide landed in a B.C. courtroom yesterday. The Farewell Foundation for the Right to Die began what is expected to be an arduous, drawn-out legal battle in the Supreme Court of British Columbia over the right of people to die with dignity.

Vancouver lawyer Jason Grati launched a pair of applications aimed at getting the group recognized as a lawful organization and arguing that the Criminal



Code violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and forces terminally ill patients to suffer needlessly at the end of their lives.

Whatever the outcome, it won't end in a provincial court. Russel Ogden, direc-

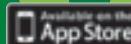
tor of the Farewell Foundation, based in New Westminster, B.C., says that, ultimately, the Supreme Court of Canada will have to rule on the issue.

"Either way, there will be an appeal by ourselves or the attorney general," Ogden said of this week's court hearings. "This should be done in the highest court possible. It could take five to six years to get there, but we're prepared to go the distance on this."

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association is also championing the right to die and has launched a separate legal action.

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U.S. eases rules on Somalia aid

► Aid groups will not face prosecution if supplies end up with terrorist group al-Shabab

The Obama administration sought to assure aid groups yesterday that they can deliver desperately needed food to famine-stricken parts of Somalia without fear of prosecution, even if some assistance is diverted to al-Qaida linked extremists blamed for helping deliver hundreds of thousands of people to the brink of starvation.

Administration officials said the U.S. has issued new guidelines on laws prohibiting material assistance to al-Shabab, which have been criticized by humanitarian organizations as a contributing factor to the crisis. Charities must only pledge their best efforts to combat attempts by al-Shabab to hoard aid or collect taxes on supplies, they said.

U.S. laws

Drought has left some 12 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia needing help.

- The official famine zones are only in Somali areas controlled by al-Shabab, which is a U.S.-designated terrorist body.
- Aid groups could have faced American prosecution in cases of inadvertent support for al-Shabab.

"We're trying to ease the process for these organizations to get the proper licences," a State Department spokesman said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Breivik is 'far from the real world': Lawyer

The confessed killer in Norway's twin terror attacks that claimed 77 lives has presented a long list of "unrealistic" demands, including the resignation of the government and that his mental condition be investigated by Japanese specialists, his defence lawyer

said yesterday.

Geir Lippestad told the Associated Press his client's demands are "unrealistic, far, far from the real world, and (show) he doesn't know how society works," Lippestad said by telephone.

Lippestad said although

32-year-old Anders Behring Breivik has agreed to be examined by local psychiatrists, he also wants to be investigated by Japanese specialists.

"He claims the Japanese understand the idea and values of honour and that a Japanese (specialist) would

understand him a lot better than any European would."

Lippestad said he last met his client on Friday, but has scheduled another meeting with him later this week.

Breivik claims he carried out the attacks as part of a network of modern-day

crusaders — the Knights Templar — to launch a revolution against a Europe spoiled by Muslim immigration, and that there are other cells ready to strike.

Investigators say they have found no signs of a larger conspiracy.

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U.S. dodges default bullet

► Legislation raises borrowing cap by \$900M, to be matched by budget cuts

The U.S. Senate emphatically passed emergency legislation yesterday to avoid a first-ever government default, rushing the legislation to U.S. President Barack Obama for his signature just hours before the deadline.

The vote was 74-26. Obama signed the bill little more than an hour later.

The vote pitted tea party Republican forces in the House against Obama and Democrats controlling the Senate. The resulting com-

ment's borrowing cap with promises of more than \$2 trillion of budget cuts over the next decade.

Much of the measure, which the House passed Monday night, was negotiated on terms set by House Speaker John Boehner, including a demand that any increase in the nation's borrowing cap be matched by spending cuts. But the legislation also meets demands made by Obama, including debt-limit increases large enough to

keep the government funded into 2013 and curbs on growth of the Pentagon budget.

The measure would provide an immediate \$400 billion increase in the \$14.3 trillion US borrowing cap, with \$500 billion more assured this fall.

The measure establishes a special bipartisan committee to draft legislation to find up to \$1.5 trillion US more in deficit cuts for a vote later this year.

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Giffords votes

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head in January, stunned the House by appearing on the floor to vote for the debt ceiling deal Monday.

- Giffords voted for the bill, which passed 269-161.
- She entered with just minutes remaining in the vote.

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BMW profit doubles on China sales

Rising sales in China helped German automaker BMW AG more than double its profits to \$2.5 billion US in the second quarter, even as growth in China began to ease. BMW credits a high-value model mix, with its 5-series sedan and X-3 sport utility showing large sales volume increases. Sales in China rose 52 per cent, even as the overall Chinese car market increased by 20 per cent.

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Toyota bouncing back from quake blow

Toyota eked out a \$14-million US quarterly profit and raised its annual earnings forecast yesterday despite the devastation of the earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan.

Still, April-June profit for the world's biggest au-

tomaker was a fraction of what it earned the same period the previous year.

All Japanese automakers were hit by a shortage of key parts after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami destroyed suppliers in northeastern Japan.

Toyota's sales were affected not only in Japan but also in the U.S. and other important markets as reduced car production fell short of demand.

But the maker of the Prius hybrid, Camry sedan and Lexus luxury models

appears to be bouncing back quicker than expected, as are rival Japanese automakers. The quarterly profit was better than expected. A survey of analysts had forecast Toyota to report a quarterly loss.

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Saudi Arabia. Tower



► Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal stands next to a model of the world's tallest tower — to be built in the Red Sea city of Jeddah — during a press conference yesterday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

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Reaching for Dubai's record

The Kingdom Tower will be more than 1,000 metres tall and cost \$1.2 billion US to build. The plans make Saudi Arabia a front-runner in the race between the oil-rich Gulf nations for glitzy, architectural trophies that dot their desert territories. The projects are seen as status symbols to show off both economic success and cultural sophistication. At 828 metres, Burj Khalifa in Gulf neighbour Dubai is currently the tallest building in the world.

Investors sit tight as U.S. economy falters

The Toronto Stock Exchange tumbled yesterday as relief over the rise of the U.S. debt ceiling was countered by worries that economic weakness seen in the first half of the year was not just temporary.

The TSX composite index fell for the fifth straight session, plunging 193.31 points to 12,752.32.

Canadian investors who returned to trading after the August long weekend faced U.S. data that showed

the manufacturing sector unexpectedly fell to 50.9 in July from 55.3 the previous month.

"It might be a bit bigger than a soft patch," said Chris Kuflik, wealth adviser at ScotiaMcLeod in Montreal, adding that worry over debt crises in Europe and the U.S. has led to paralysis among some investors.

"They're hunkering down because of all the uncertainty," he said.

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► Takahiko Ijichi, Toyota's senior managing officer, says vehicle sales this year are on a par with last year, despite the earthquake and tsunami in March.

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When it's finished, it will eclipse the current tallest building in the world, Dubai's Burj Khalifa, a piffling 828 metres, built by some other, lesser sheik magnate. The CN Tower is even more piffling at 553 metres.

Prince Al-Waleed Bin Talal Alsaud is Saudi Arabia's richest man. He's also the nephew of the Saudi king and clocks in at number 26 on the Forbes list of the world's richest billionaires. He's worth a cool \$19.6 billion.

He owns a big stake in Citibank and GM and, believe it or not, Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., where he's the second-largest shareholder after the Murdoch family.

This guy is fascinating, and not just because he owns half of the free world. He's progressive: all for democracy and job creation, and at his offices women don't have to wear the abaya, or burqa, the body-cloaking outfit that most Saudi women have to wear in public. Sixty-five per cent of his employees are women.

He's media-savvy. He writes pieces for the New York Times. He says News of the World is a "rotten apple" that deserved to be shut down. Time magazine calls him the "Warren Buffett of Saudi Arabia."

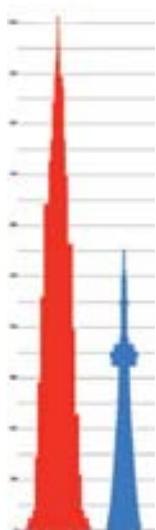
He's just like Warren Buffett ... except he wouldn't be happy living in the house he bought in 1958 for \$31,000 ... in Omaha.

As rich princes go, Al-Waleed bin Talal is no doubt a gem and should be encouraged. There's just this little propensity for self-aggrandizing phallic symbols he should work on. Do they have a 12-step program for men who like women to see their big buildings?

The big building in question will include 5.4 million square feet of hotel, luxury apartments, condos and offices. The Kingdom Tower will be more than 1,000 metres high and will be the centrepiece of Kingdom City, a development that stretches two square miles beyond the bounds of wretched excess.

This is nothing. It was once designed to climb one mile into the stratosphere, but something about the sandy soil caused the prince to scale down the size of his, um, ambition.

Those of us who wonder why anyone would build one of these freaking things in the desert, where there's nothing but room, obviously doesn't understand the Saudi prince philosophy, which can be summed up in three little words: "Mine is bigger."



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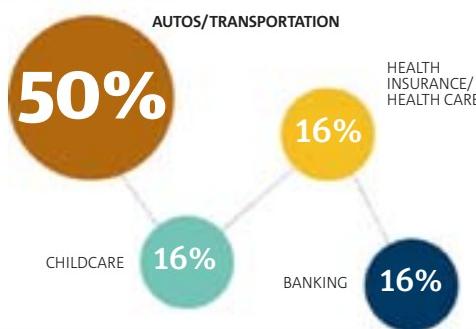
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Worth Mentioning

KILLER. A vial of serial killer Ted Bundy's blood has been found in Florida and investigators will use the newly discovered evidence to try to solve cases that went cold decades ago.

Before he was executed in 1989, Bundy confessed to more than 30 murders and was suspected of many more. A complete DNA profile couldn't be developed for the serial killer until the blood was found. The full profile will be uploaded to the FBI's national database Friday, giving authorities key evidence to possibly link Bundy to long-unsolved crimes.

The vial was discovered after Florida authorities received a call from a detective working a cold case in Tacoma, Wash. The blood had been taken in 1978 when Bundy was arrested in the death of a 12-year-old girl in Columbia County, Fla., The News Tribune reported.

The Tacoma detective was investigating the 1961 disappearance of Ann Marie Burr, a six-year-old who vanished from her home in the middle of the night. Bundy is among several possible suspects.

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WEIRD NEWS

Longest bra chain attempt tied in knots

An attempt at the world record for longest chain of bras has been called off after organizers caught a snag, the BBC reported.



The United Kingdom group, known as "hookers" were try-

ing to link enough bras together to wrap around the Worcester racecourse 95 times, or over 160 kilometres, according to Global Post.

The current record for longest chain of linked bras, 166,625 in total, is held by Australians.

But organizers said the bras became tangled as they were removed from the boxes, and could not be separated quickly enough to challenge the Guinness World Record.

"We couldn't get the bras out quick enough," one of the bra chain organizers told the BBC.

"Like Christmas lights, you put them away nicely, but when you go to get them they don't come out." ● METRO



Marvel Comics says the mantle of Spider-Man — killed earlier this summer — is being taken up by Miles Morales, a half-black, half-Hispanic teen keen on following in Parker's steps.

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Get Andy: 'Apes,' 'Kong,' 'Hobbit' co-star Serkis is go-to guy for performance capture



Learning from apes

► Rise of the Planet of the Apes director speaks about carrying on the franchise traditions



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The last time the world saw a movie about a world run by talking monkeys it was in director Tim Burton's wonky 2001 remake of Franklin J. Shaffner's landmark future shock sci-fi classic *Planet of the Apes*. Burton's redux offered impressive updates in prosthetic ape make-up effects (tweaking the iconic original masks designed by John Chambers) but lit-

tle else was bettered, with a goofy, tongue-in-cheek tone replacing the first films intelligent social paranoia and terror.

And now comes yet another re-visit, Rupert Wyatt's *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, opening wide this Friday. And though it's a film that no serious Apes fanatic asked for, it's clear after talking to Wyatt that when it comes to treating this franchise re-boot with both affection and respect, he isn't monkeying around.

"We made a radical departure from the original story," Wyatt says, "which had a plague wiping out pets and apes becoming slaves, becoming pets and domestic servants. That was fantastical. But we started with something a bit more plausible, which is the aspect of creating intelligence within existing primates through genetic research."

While certainly its own entity and designed as ground zero in a proposed new Apes series, *Rise* is in

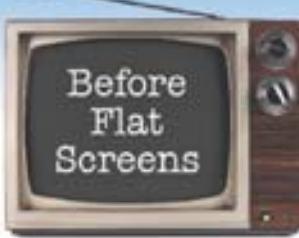
many ways a loose remake of the fourth official *Planet of the Apes* picture, 1972's *Conquest for the Planet of the Apes*. Like that film, *Rise* charts the revolution of a chimpanzee named Caesar (played by the late Roddy McDowell in both *Conquest* and the final film, *Battle for the Planet of the Apes*), who leads his simian comrades in a bloody war to overturn supremacy of the world from human to ape. But unlike *Conquest*, the apes were not realized by actors

wearing masks. Instead actor Andy Serkis (King Kong) becomes a digital chimp using sophisticated modern motion capture technology courtesy of Weta Workshop (*Avatar*).

"It was the only way," says the director, "that we could authentically capture their movement. The closest model for what we've done is King Kong but the technology has been perfected since then...every strand of hair has been individually designed."

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'I remain an eternal optimist about love': J. Lo

► Star dishes to Vanity Fair magazine about her split from Marc Anthony

Jennifer Lopez is opening up about her divorce from husband Marc Anthony and what led to their breakup.

"This was the hardest decision I've ever had to face. I really wanted this family to work," she tells *Vanity Fair*, adding that getting her career back on track played a major role in the breakdown of their relationship.

"We had the first three years of our marriage just

for us. I wasn't working, it was mainly about him. Then we got pregnant. Then it became about the kids. And then I started working again," she says.

Still, Lopez hasn't given up on finding love again.

"Sometimes it doesn't work — and that's sad. But I remain an eternal optimist about love. I believe in love. It's still my biggest dream," she says.

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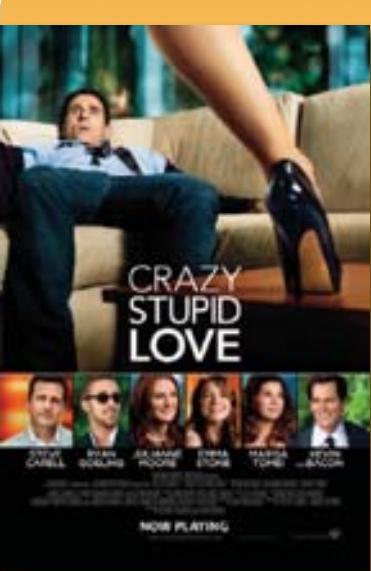
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► A once bustling port, Victoria-by-the-Sea now draws visitors with its small-town charm and laid-back vibe ► Tiny Prince Edward Island town boasts a historic theatre, lighthouse museum and the biggest tree on the island



► Time seems to have passed by Victoria-by-the-Sea, a once-busy port that boasted three wharfs.

If you go

- How to get there: Victoria-by-the-Sea is on the south shore of P.E.I., between Charlottetown and Summerside. It is accessible from the Trans-Canada Highway.
- For more info, visit victoriabythesea.ca.

Plenty to explore by the sea

For visitors to quaint and picturesque Victoria-by-the-Sea, P.E.I., it seems as if time has passed the community by — and that's a good thing.

The relaxed atmosphere of a community that has seen little change in decades is just fine with visitors and the collection of artisans who make the

village their home.

A once bustling port, Victoria was founded in 1819, and by the late 1800s the settlement boasted three wharfs and many thriving businesses.

"It was the third largest port in Prince Edward Island at one point," said Henry Dunsmore, who owns the Studio Gallery

along with his wife Doreen.

But Dunsmore said as better roads were developed it became less expensive to export products by trucks, rather than by ships. He said with the extension of the Trans Canada highway the community was eventually bypassed and many businesses left.

At the centre of Victoria

is the community hall. For the last 30 years it has been the Victoria Playhouse.

The 154-seat theatre is home to performances between late June and the end of September that include both locally produced plays and professional productions.

"It's small, it's intimate, it's beautiful," said general

manager Pat Smith.

There's a lot to discover while waiting for a show to start, as you visit the museum in the lighthouse or stroll down Russell Street to see the biggest tree in P.E.I. Along Main Street and a few side streets you will find an amazing selection of small stores.

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► B.C. mountain city offers world-renowned rock climbing area with views

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I'm no daring adventurer. "Danger" is not my middle name. In fact, walking up a short staircase can trigger my paralyzing fear of heights.

But while visiting the beautiful little city of Penticton, in B.C.'s Okanagan region recently, I just had to confront my fear in the name of fun.

Just above the quiet little city, towers Skaha Bluffs, a very popular and world

renowned rock climbing area, and a scenic one at that.

Three parallel canyons contain some very intimidating sheer rock climbing walls, with frightening names like The Fortress and Doctor's Wall.

I've never done any rock climbing or rappelling down rock cliffs, but I soon found myself donning a helmet and strapping into a harness, ready to "walk" down a very steep 40 foot rock wall.

A good rule of thumb while doing this is not to look down. Repeat ... don't

look down, especially if you're afraid of heights. Admittedly, my heart was beating like a drum as I slowly worked my way down the rock face. Fear hit when I glanced down to see ant-sized people.

Thankfully, in about two minutes it was all over and I was on the ground, standing upright again.

Skaha Bluffs is just one jewel in the under-rated Penticton area, which is nestled between Skaha and Okanagan Lakes.

Perhaps the most famous local pastime in the summer months is the in-

ner tube canal ride which runs between the two lakes. This isn't rocket science. You basically grab a tube, jump on, and then lazily float from Okanagan lake to Skaha lake via the canal.

On any given warm day, hundreds partake in this relaxing pastime, making the odd mid water collisions inevitable.

Still, it's almost a rite of passage for out of towners. With desert-like heat in the summer, and little rain or snow in the winter, Penticton has to be considered a holiday spot in B.C.



► Writer Darren Parkman faces his fear of heights in Penticton, B.C.

What to do

► Visit local wineries: Nearby Naramata features several great wineries including Laughing Stock Vineyards,

and Hillside Estate Winery. Many also have fantastic restaurants with grape vines as a backdrop.

► Stay at God's Mountain Estate: This mountain top

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Simplifying a Middle Eastern fave

► The Muslim holy month of Ramadan began this week ► Celebrate with a tasty shawarma

With the Muslim holy month of Ramadan having started this week, millions of the religion's followers will be fasting during the long, hot days of August.

Ramadan requires daily fasts of food and water during daylight hours.

Typically, observers eat a meal before dawn and break their fast at sunset. The fast-breaking meal is seen by many Muslims as an opportunity to gather with family and friends. Ramadan is also seen as an opportunity to improve — spiritually and personally.

A favourite Middle Eastern dish is the Shawarma, a sandwich-like wrap of shaved chicken, lamb, beef or goat. The meat is placed on a spit and may be grilled for as long as a day.

In this version, you're able to make the dish at home in a just few steps.



- Preparation:**
- 1 Spread cardamon, cumin, turmeric and paprika over chicken, add oil and rub with hands so pieces are covered. Refrigerate up to 24
 - 2 Heat non-stick skillet. When very hot, add half chicken and sauté, cov-
 - 3 hours or if using, set aside. Season with salt, pepper before sautéing.

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ered, on high flame (cook chicken in two batches so you don't overload pan). When chicken is golden-brown on bottom, turn over and continue cooking until done. Wait 2-3 minutes. Transfer to cutting board, slice thinly.

- 3 To make the garlic sauce, blend garlic, salt, lemon juice until smooth. Gradually add

oils in thin steady stream while motor still running, until the sauce has thickened.

- 4 To assemble, spread warm bread with garlic sauce then arrange lettuce, tomato, chickpeas, onions, coriander. Top with chicken. Roll up, cut in half to serve.

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- Ingredients:**
Shawarma
- 2 lbs. / 1 kilo boneless skinless chicken thighs (don't discard fatty parts)
 - ¼ teaspoon cardamom
 - ¼ teaspoon cumin
 - ¼ teaspoon turmeric
 - ¼ teaspoon paprika
 - 1 Tablespoon oil
 - salt and ground pepper

- Garlic Sauce**
- 8 cloves garlic
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1/4 cup lemon juice
 - 1/2 cup sunflower oil
 - 3/4 cup olive oil

Drink of the week

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The cool coffee and chocolate milk provide a refreshing substitute for your usual java.

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- 250 ml (1 cup) vanilla yogurt

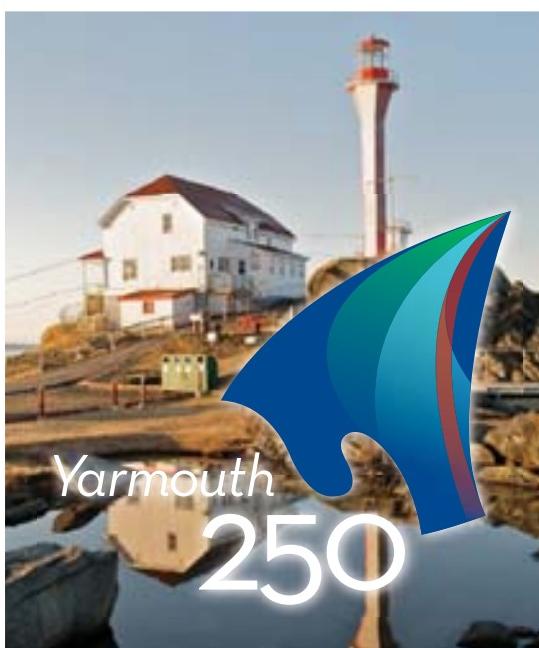
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Persistence will surely pay off

STUDENT VOICE

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I attend the commerce program at Queen's University and just finished my second year.

I began my official job search in December. I searched online by going to the main job search engines or company websites that I thought I would enjoy working for and applied to any positions that interested me.

This was a long process as many of the jobs posted had long online applications that were tedious and time-consuming to fill out. Unfortunately, job after job, I was rejected. The rejections early on motivated me to keep on applying. By



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April, I was tired. I had applied to over 100 jobs, all in different fields and specialties, and was not accepted by a single one.

I came home during my exam break, and found a job at a local pub. I was excited to finally be hired after an exhausting job search!

In the first few weeks as I was being trained, I didn't receive many hours, so I looked for something else part-time. I found on Kijiji an unpaid social media internship for a fitness blog. I emailed the company right away and I received a response a few hours later. I then went to Toronto for an

interview. It was an informal interview, where I had the opportunity to talk about my interests and strengths rather than answering formal questions. I left the interview feeling confident and, thankfully, was hired a few days later.

I have found a good balance between a fast-paced waitressing job that involves interacting with customers, and a second job where I can exercise my writing skills and knowledge of fitness and nutrition.

Thinking back on my job hunt experiences, I probably wouldn't have done anything differently. I believe being persistent will benefit students in the end.

Timing is also another factor to consider. It helps to apply to companies when they are looking for employees, instead of in a slow season when they will take your résumé and put it on file for later.

There are jobs out there, you just have to put in the effort to look for them.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Amanda's experience:

- It's never too early to start gaining meaningful work experience. In the summer of your first or second year of school, working two part-time jobs is a great way to balance your time between earning money and gaining experience.

Where Amanda is now

In August, I will be heading back to Kingston for my third year in the commerce program. I am going on exchange in the winter term to Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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"It is easier to be critical than correct." — Benjamin Disraeli

Today, much of the workforce feels empowered to complain. When upset about their boss or their job, these employees no longer visit their doctors seeking a note for a leave of absence. Now they just call their lawyers. But what happens when a lawyer's letter goes too far? One B.C. employee recently found out the hard way.

Sukhwinder Grewal and her boss Dalbir Sohi had a rocky relationship from the get-go. Grewal, a branch manager for the Khalsa Credit Union in B.C., was frequently on the receiving end of Sohi's criticism.

Deeming his contempt to be unwarranted, Grewal often responded with letters defending herself

and her actions. Sohi viewed those letters as insubordinate and disrespectful.

Matters came to a head when Sohi discovered that Grewal's personal home mortgage, through the credit union, was inputted incorrectly. He believed that Grewal had inappropriately received a personal benefit and wrote a memo to the credit union referring to Grewal's mortgage as a "scandal" and raising other issues he had with her performance. Before Sohi could question Grewal, she went on disability leave.

Upon her return to work, Grewal learned that during her leave Sohi had disclosed her alleged mortgage "scandal" during the credit union's governance hearing and that her name appeared in a public document.

Believing this was highly inappropriate, Grewal's lawyer sent a letter to Sohi accusing him of creating a pretext to dismiss her and demanding that he apologize to Grewal and acknowledge that his allegations were baseless and brought in bad faith to harm Grewal

and her reputation.

The letter concluded by threatening to sue Sohi if he did not apologize. The credit union responded on Sohi's behalf claiming that, through her lawyer's letter, Grewal had just resigned.

At a recent trial, the judge determined that, but for her lawyer's last letter, Grewal would have been wrongfully dismissed.

Although Grewal's concerns may have been justified, the letter from Grewal's own lawyer tipped the scales against her.

According to the judge, that letter "permanently undermined the employment relationship" and was cause for her own dismissal.

Employees are entitled to criticize their bosses and their employers without fear of immediate dismissal.

However, there is a limit. In the quest to find the appropriate balance between criticisms and accusations, sometimes even the lawyers need counsel.

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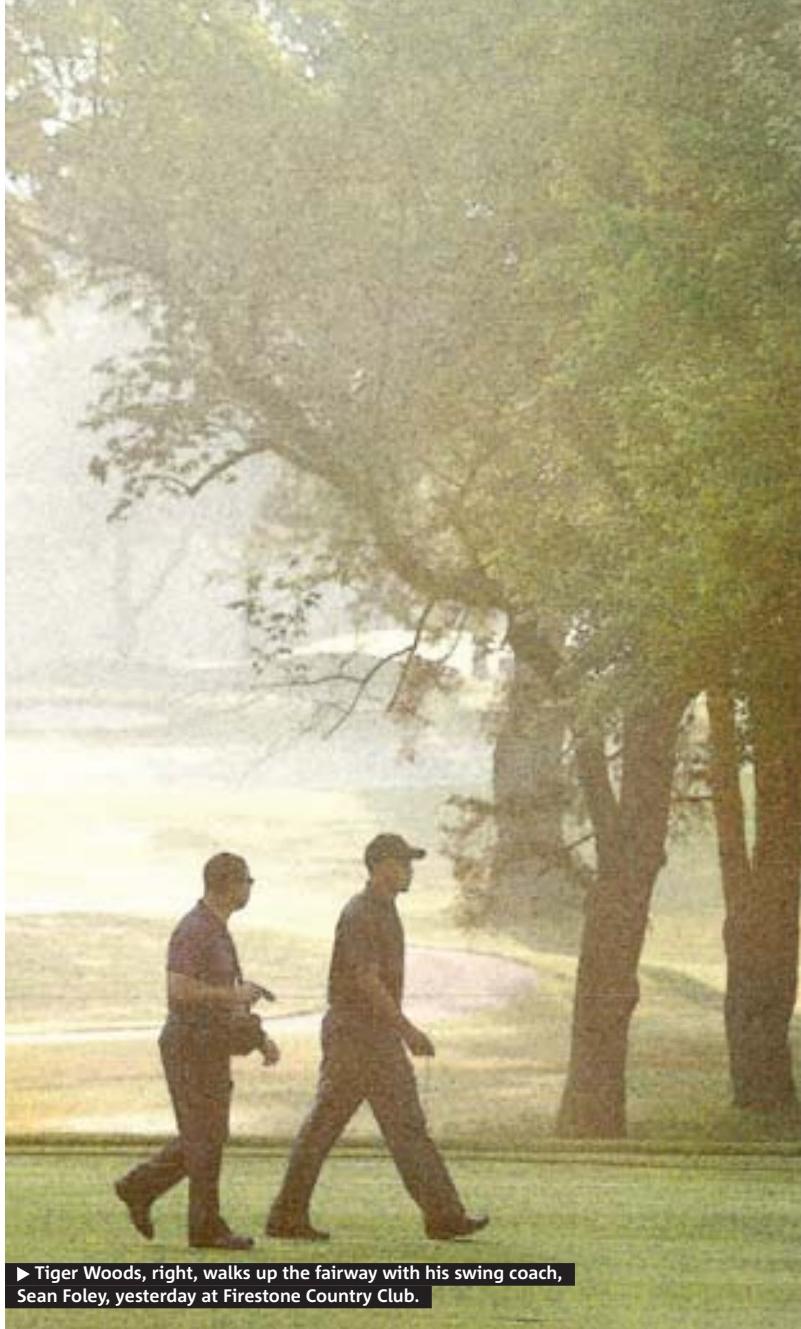


"Believe in yourself, which I've got no problem doing."

NEW YORK JETS COACH REX RYAN ON THE MEANING OF HIS NEW LEG TATTOO. THE TRIBAL-STYLE INK, WHICH RYAN GOT WHILE ON VACATION IN HAWAII LAST MONTH, CAUSED QUITE THE BUZZ MONDAY WHEN THE JETS REPORTED FOR TRAINING CAMP. RYAN SAID IT HAD RECEIVED POSITIVE REVIEWS FROM HIS PLAYERS, WHO HAVE TOLD HIM "THAT'S COOL."

Healthy Tiger back on course

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► Tiger Woods, right, walks up the fairway with his swing coach, Sean Foley, yesterday at Firestone Country Club.

- 14-time major champion returns from injury to changed golf world
- 20 months since his last win

Tiger Woods was on the practice range just as the sun began to rise yesterday over Firestone, his first time on a PGA Tour golf course in nearly three months.

Even as the season heads toward a conclusion, Woods can't wait to get started.

Woods showed up at the Bridgestone Invitational at No. 28, his lowest world ranking since the start of his first full season on the PGA Tour. He has a new caddie — at least temporarily — in childhood friend Bryon Bell.

For Woods, however, the biggest change is how he feels about his health.

"The great thing is I don't feel a thing," Woods said. "It feels solid. It feels stable. No pain."

"It's been a very long time, and it feels good to go out there today ... go practise and feel nothing and walk around and pretty much do anything I want on the golf course."

Asked how long it has been since he felt so good physically, Woods replied, "Years."

It almost seems that long ago since he was last in action. Woods, who was No. 1 in the world a year ago, has not played since he walked off the course after nine holes May 12 at The Players Championship with recurring injuries to his left knee and Achilles tendon.

He said he injured them during the third round of the Masters while hitting a shot in an awkward stance in the pine straw on the

"I'm excited to compete, to play. And, hopefully, to win the tournament."

TIGER WOODS

17th hole. Woods said if he had sat out the rest of May, he would have been fine the rest of the year, a lesson he learned this time around. He said he started hitting balls a couple of weeks ago and that he got the itch to start playing soon after.

In the three months since he was gone, Rory McIlroy shattered his U.S. Open scoring record to par, and good friend Darren Clarke finally won a major at the British Open at age 42. Steve Stricker has won twice to become the highest-ranked American.

Clarke is paired with Woods the first two rounds.

"Tiger has been the best player in the world for a very long time," Clarke said. "He has been the guy over my career that has set the benchmark for all the rest of us, and personally he's a good friend of mine."

Woods still managed to make news while not playing when he fired his caddie, Steve Williams, after a 12-year partnership during which he won 13 majors. For all the talk about disloyalty — Williams caddied for Adam Scott at the U.S. Open, then again at the AT&T National without seeking permission — Woods said only that it was "time for a change."

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Lockout: NBA owners take players to court

With locked-out NBA players threatening to file an antitrust lawsuit, the league beat them to court.

The league filed two claims against the NBA Players Association yesterday — an unfair labour practice charge with the National

Labor Relations Board and a lawsuit in federal district court in New York.

The NBA accused the players of being unco-operative in negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement by making "more than two dozen"

threats to dissolve their union and sue the league under antitrust laws to secure more favourable terms in a new CBA.

NBAPA executive director Billy Hunter called the lawsuit "totally without merit." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

Maclin reports for Eagles

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NBL Canada makes first hire

- Officiating an early priority for new hoops circuit
- League tries to learn from mistakes with hiring

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The National Basketball League of Canada has its first official employee.

Although the fledgling pro basketball circuit does not yet have a commissioner or any other high-ranking personnel, it announced yesterday the hiring of Mike Homsy as director of officiating.

Given the history of NBL Canada's three founding teams, the Halifax Rainmen, Saint John Mill Rats and Quebec Kebs, the move isn't a shock. All three dropped out of the Premier Basketball League in April because of perceived bias in officiating.

"The backbone of a

Commissioner

The hiring of a commissioner may not happen until after the NBL Canada regular season opens in early November. Interim president Andre Levingston said he still has work to do before turning over the reins.

league is its officials and we've done our homework," said interim league president Andre Levingston. "Because of some of the nonsense that happened in our previous league, we want to make sure we never have that problem again."

Homsy, from Kirkland, Que., has been a FIBA-certified official for 15 years and refereed at the 2004 Sum-

mer Olympic Games in Athens. He spent the past two seasons officiating in the PBL.

Levingston said Homsy will attend as many games as possible and will be required to review all games on tape. His job is to maintain a high level of "professionalism and integrity" among officials, Levingston said. "If we talked to 10 people, nine of them said Mike Homsey," he said of the hiring process. "He's always been a standup guy, a class act, and we wanted to get him on board as soon as possible."

Homsey will hire officials over the next few weeks and bring them together for the NBL Canada draft combine on Aug. 20 and 21 in Toronto.

Luca Ciampini's bid for Hockey Canada's summer under-18 team fell short.

The Halifax Mooseheads left-winger was left off the 22-player squad when it was announced yesterday fol-

lowing a four-day selection camp in Calgary.

The team is headed to

Breclav, Czech Republic,

and Piestany, Slovakia,

for the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament from

Aug. 8 to 13.

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► Former Halifax Rainmen coach Les Berry gives an official an earful during a Premier Basketball League game last season.

Ex-Moosehead King expected to join Jets, says report

Former Halifax Mooseheads star Jason King is expected to sign with the Winnipeg Jets, according to the Winnipeg Sun.

King, a high-scoring 29-year-old winger, has spent the past three seasons playing in the German Elite League, recording 16 goals and 13 assists for 29 points in 50 games last season.

He has 59 games of NHL experience, with 12 goals and 11 assists.

The Jets farm team is the St. John's IceCaps in King's home province of Newfoundland and Labrador. He hails from Corner Brook.

King, who scored 63 goals as an over-ager with the Mooseheads in 2001-02, sits second in franchise history in career goals (114) and fourth in scoring (198 points).

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Luxury amenities

Complementing the Sport's performance and exterior appearance are its many and varied luxury amenities, many of them technical in nature.

Along with all-wheel-drive, they include Ford's MyFord Touch voice-command technology that replaces traditional vehicle buttons, knobs and gauges with LCD screens and five-way controls like those found on cell phones and MP3 music players.

Chrome exhausts

Unique smoked headlight and taillamp designs, oval chrome exhaust tips and body-coloured lower front and side trim are all part of the Sport package.

As well, it's important to note that a specially tuned suspension has been dialed in and contributes to the Sport's hunkered-down stance and sharpened reflexes.



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Most sport utility vehicles or wagon derivatives of passenger cars come across as being more utilitarian than sporty. Even a bit boring.

However, the Sport edition of the Ford Edge definitely runs counter to this axiom, both in terms of style and performance.

The Edge has been around since the 2007 model year and was given an interior and exterior makeover for 2011. In addition, its 3.5-litre V6 was treated to a 20-horsepower surge (to 285 from 265).

The Edge Sport is different enough from the regular Edge to be considered a whole other vehicle. As the

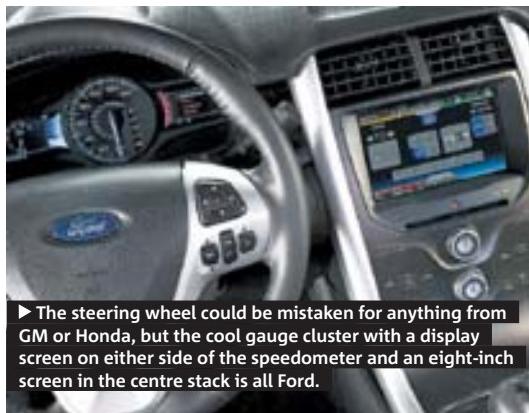
name implies, this is one five-passenger wagon that has been built to please buyers looking to spice up their rides, but still need a multi-purpose machine capable of carrying a wide variety of gear.

Visually, the Sport differs from the rank-and-file Edge in several ways. The blacked-out grille is certainly one telltale sign and the massive 22-inch forged aluminum wheels are another.

Sport clearly pushes the Edge's envelope in terms of power and content.

But it's not about just adding more.

It's about putting together the right combination of parts and pieces to create an effective image. And this Edge does exactly that ... brilliantly.



Ford Edge Sport



What you should know about the 2011 Ford Edge Sport:

- ▶ **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive, mid-size sport utility vehicle.
- ▶ **Engine (hp):** 3.7-litre DOHC V6 (305).
- ▶ **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic.
- ▶ **Market position:** The Edge's Sport upgrade delivers considerable luxury along with a tough-as-nails exterior persona. Combined with its Ford-Mustang-based V6, this sport ute becomes the complete package.
- ▶ **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 12.2/8.8.

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Focus known for fun-to-drive dynamics

► Model: 2008 to 2011 Ford Focus ► Vehicle Type: Compact Car

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Available from 2008 to 2011, the last-generation Ford Focus was available exclusively in coupe and sedan body styles.

All models got a two-litre, 140-horsepower four-cylinder engine with a five-speed stick as standard, and a four-speed automatic as an option.

Trim levels included S, SE, SEL and SES from econo-box to loaded, and feature content included heated seating, Ford Sync, alloy wheels, mood lighting, cruise control, Bluetooth, power accessories, remote access and a self-dimming rearview mirror.

- It seems Ford nailed this generation of Focus where interior dimensions, overall size, value for the money and exterior styling were concerned.

- Generous headroom, the Sync connectivity system, a fun-to-drive character and generous trunk space were often praised by owners.

- Many owners wish for more pizzazz in the Focus's rear styling, as well as some extra power for passing and merging.

- Other Focus drivers wish for a higher-quality interior or feel, and complain of an abundance of 'filler' buttons that take the place of un-fitted options.

- A few reports of rougher-than-expected ride quality round out the list of owner-stated complaints.



Common issues

- Be sure to have any used Focus you're considering checked over for abnormal suspension and tire wear, noting that rattling, popping or clunking sounds from the front end could indicate a problem.

- Ensure the doors seal tightly and aren't in need of adjustment, and be sure the vehicle's wheel alignment is within spec, too. Unevenly-worn tires can be a warning sign of an alignment problem.

- On SYNC-equipped models, shoppers are advised to confirm functionality with their wireless device, as well as proper operation from the steering-wheel mounted SYNC controls.

- Some owners have reported problems with the automatic transmission, ranging from fluid leaks to hard shifting to in-warranty transmission replacement.

Verdict

A used Focus looks like a fairly reliable used-car buy, especially with the five-speed manual.

Shoppers after a good overall deal on a machine that's enjoyed for fun-to-drive dynamics and generous interior space should include it on their list of prospective test-drives.

This doesn't seem to be a widespread problem, but shift quality should be noted, and the unit should be checked by a Ford mechanic. Stick with the five-speed manual transmission where possible.

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► Only police forces can buy this speed demon.

ther, because I'm not a police officer now, and will never be one in the future. (Can't do "blue." Not one of my colours.)

But recently I did get to drive a police car and now I want one badly, even if it's just for civilian-type activities, like going for coffee

and doughnuts. Wait a minute — that might be police work too ... Well, you know what I mean.

The car in question is the brand new Chevrolet Caprice Police Patrol Vehicle (PPV). Police forces prefer full-size, rear-drive sedans, with V8 engines.

Chevrolet hasn't had one of those in its lineup since 1996, which allowed Ford Crown Victoria to dominate the police market.

But now the Ford Crown Victoria is done too. Ford's new police vehicle, the Interceptor, is based on the front-drive Taurus. GM con-

tinues to offer its front-drive Impala PPV.

But as all other front-drive police units before and since, it has never been the recipient of full blown police love.

Ford is hoping to have more front-drive police luck with its Interceptor, but I'm not so sure. And I think GM is of that mind too, and has finally understood how profoundly police forces are attached to their rear-drive cruisers.

GM developed this Caprice specifically for police work, and will only sell the Caprice to police forces. It is based on a rear-drive platform developed and

built by Holden, GM's subsidiary in Australia. Holden also used this platform to build the now-defunct Pontiac G8. My fling with Caprice PPV was with a "detective" version, meaning no lights, or back seat partition, or police signage. But its understated looks contributed to its "sleeper" vibe, which I so love.

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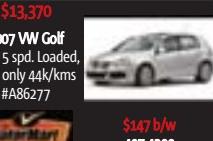
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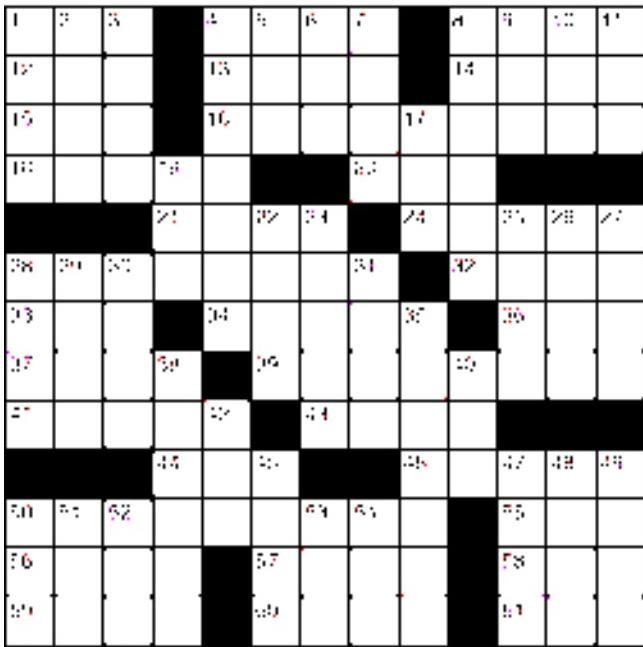
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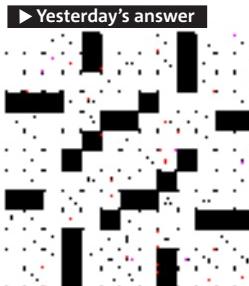
1 "CSI" evidence
 4 Arp's art style
 8 Turkey stuffing herb
 12 Charged particle
 13 Idle or Clapton
 14 Caspian feeder
 15 Francisco preceder
 16 Billiards variation
 18 Winner
 20 Still
 21 ID at Barnes & Noble
 24 Earlier-born
 28 Government grant of a sort
 32 Facility
 33 Ornate vase
 34 Starts the pot
 36 Dundee denial
 37 Thick-coated kin of the weasel
 39 Razor-billed bird
 41 Animal track
 43 Normandy river
 44 Ashen
 46 Home in the woods
 50 "Be patient"
 55 First lady?
 56 Roundish coif
 57 Llamas' land
 58 Levy
 59 Multigan —
 60 Dutch cheese
 61 Pismire

Down

1 Frisbee
 2 Ark builder
 3 Kournikova or Karenina
 4 Quite far offshore
 5 Onassis, familiarly



6 Use a shovel 30 Part of A.D. 53 Roulette bet
 7 In need of liniment 31 Antelope's playmate 54 401(k) alternative



Today's horoscope



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Aries March 21-April 20 Mars, your ruler, changes signs today, igniting situations that may anger you. Now that you know, chill.

Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be tempted to go at it alone. It's a temptation you must resist.

Gemini May 22-June 21 You may be focused on your work and financial situation at the moment but make time for loved ones, too.

Cancer June 22-July 22 Your self-esteem will reach new highs over the next few weeks. What do you intend to do with it?

Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If you have to let down a friend, do so in a way that doesn't leave him or her bitter.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It may seem as if you have lost your sense of purpose, but this is just a passing phase and by the end of the week you'll be back on track.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Use the transit of Mars over the career angle of your chart today to clarify your aims and ambitions.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You'll wonder why you bother trying to get on with certain people.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Don't waste either physical or emotional energy on lost causes.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Today, you should watch from the shadows. You'll learn more.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 It will be easy to get emotional today, especially if others disagree with what you consider to be positive ideas and plans.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Sometimes, you find it hard to assert yourself. That's unlikely to be a problem today. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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9							6	
	8					9		
3	4	1	5	9		2	7	
	7		9	2		5		
4							2	
	6		5	1		3		
7	2		8	3	4		1	6
	5				4			
8							7	

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1	4	7	6	8	9	3	2	5
2	8	3	1	4	5	9	6	7
6	5	0	3	7	2	4	8	1
4	1	8	7	2	3	6	5	9
9	3	2	5	6	8	7	1	4
7	6	5	4	9	1	2	3	8
8	2	4	9	1	6	5	7	3
5	9	6	8	3	7	1	4	2
3	7	1	2	6	4	8	9	6

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